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Jun Tanida et al.

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMAGE
CONFIGURING

Examiner: N. G. Patel

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 22, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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